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ALTON MAN CONVICTED FOR ROLE IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 5, 2006, a federal jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, convicted **ANTHONY D. WOMACK**, age 30, of Alton, Illinois, on one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than five (5) kilograms of cocaine. Upon sentencing, **WOMACK** faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of life, a fine of up to \$4 million and at least 5 years supervised release on the conspiracy charge. Sentencing is scheduled for September 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

WOMACK was part of a large scale cocaine distribution organization. Previously, nine (9) other defendants have pleaded guilty in the case.

The investigation was conducted under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). Participating agencies included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Alton Police Department, and the Illinois State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian.